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SUBJECT: FURTHER LAO PRESS REPORTS OF CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT TO LAOS

REF VIENTIANE 1986

1. IN ADDITION TO ARTICLE BY LAO PARTY NEWSPAPER
AUGUST 18 ON CODEL VISIT REPORTED REFTEL, MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION DAILY BULLETIN IN FRENCH
AUGUST 19 CARRIED ARTICLE ON PAGE NINE AS FOLLOWS IN
TRANSLATION:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE AMERICAN SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD,
LEADER OF THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY IN THE AMERICAN
CONGRESS, ARRIVED IN LAOS AUGUST 17 FOR A VISIT TO
VIENTIANE. THE AMERICAN SENATOR WAS MAKING A TOUR
OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AT THIS TIME.

MR. KHAMPHAY BOUPHA, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, WHO GREETED MR. MANSFIELD, STATED THAT
"THE LAO GOVERNMENT WANTS TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS

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THE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE CONDITION THAT THE

UNITED STATES HONORS ITS COMMITMENT TO HEAL THE WOUNDS
OF WAR IN LAOS, TO STOP USING THE CIA AND LAO REACTION-
ARY TRAITORS IN THEIR ACTIVITIES OF SABOTAGE AGAINST
THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF OUR COUNTRY, AND TO STOP ITS INTERFERENCE IN THE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF LAOS." END TEXT

3. VERNACULAR NEWSPAPER "VIENTIANE MAI" AUGUST 19
CARRIED FRONT PAGE REPEAT OF ARTICLE IN PARTY NEWSPAPER
REPORTED REFTEL. "VIENTIANE MAI" AUGUST 20 ALSO CARRIED
SQUIB IN NEWS IN BRIEF COLUMN PAGE TWO REPORTING
ESSENCE OF SAME ARTICLE. AFTER NOTING VIEWS EXPRESSED
BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND SENATOR, AUTHOR
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TWO SIDES WERE BEING HONEST TOWARD
EACH OTHER.
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